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REMARKS

The Examiner allowed claims 1-12, rejected claims 13-15, 18 and 19 and object to claims 16 and 17. The foregoing amendment amends Claims 13, 16 and 19 and cancels Claims 15 and 18. Accordingly, Claims 1-14, 16, 17 and 19 are currently pending with Claims 1, 13 and 19 being independent.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 18 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, alleging that the claim was indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner alleged that there was insufficient antecedent basis for the term "a second recess" since the term implies a first recess and no first recess was recited. The Examiner indicated that Claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The foregoing amendment incorporates the subject matter of Claims 15 and 18 into Claim 13 so that Claim 13 now recites a first recess and a second recess. Claim 13 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 14, 16 and 17 depend from Claim 13 and are patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 13.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe (US Patent 5,809,696). The foregoing amendment to Claim 19 clarifies that the first cable is detached from the second cable. This aspect of the invention is illustrated by Fig. 16B and is described in the accompanying text. By using two separate cables an operator can readily adjust the cable assembly as needed. For example, if an operator discovers that the cable assembly comprising the first cable and the second cable is longer than the path through which the cable assembly is wound after the cable assembly has been wound around the rotary drum, the operator can easily adjust the cable assembly by rotating the adjustment drum to wind the first cable around the adjustment drum without removing

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the cable assembly from the rotary drum. Specification, page 27, lines 20-24.

In contrast, Watanabe describes a single cable 10, where half of the cable is positioned on the interior side of the rear side panel and the other half is positioned in the guide rail. Column 2, lines 11-14. Watanabe does not provide the benefits of the claimed invention since an operator would need to remove the cable from the rotary drum if the cable was discovered to be longer than the cable path after it was wound around the rotary drum. Thus, Claim 19 is patentable over Watanabe.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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